# MINUTES CITY COUNCIL CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, 29 NORTH DAY STREET, ORANGE, NEW JERSEY ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE MEETING.

Council President Coley led all assembled in a Salute to the American Flag.

**Roll Call:** 

Present:

Council Vice-President Tency A. Eason, North Ward

Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., West Ward Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, At-Large

Councilman Clifford R. Ross, At-Large

Councilwoman Jamie Summers-Johnson, South Ward

Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten, At-Large Council President Kerry Coley, East Ward

Also Present:

Joyce L. Lanier, City Clerk

Lisette Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk

Chris M. Hartwyk, Business Administrator

Laquana Best, Director of Planning

Gerald Long, Chief

Adrian Mapp, Finance Director Marty Mayes, Public Works Director Avram White, Deputy City Attorney Todd Warren, Police Director Vincent Vitiello, Police Chief

Nile Clements, Chief Financial Officer

Paula Ferreira, Tax Collector

Marlin G. Townes, Legislative Research Officer

Margarette Homere, City Clerk's Office Tamara Robinson, City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk announced that the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., "Sunshine Law" has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Record Transcript, published in the Star Ledger on July 2, 2021, posted on the Bulletin Board in City Hall and on the Council's Website (<a href="www.orangetwpnjcc.org">www.orangetwpnjcc.org</a>), City's Website (<a href="www.ci.orange.nj.us">www.ci.orange.nj.us</a>) and the) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

Motion to Suspend the Rules by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

## Motion passed.

President of the 749 Scotland Road Tenants Association, Courtney Parks, explained the frustrations of the tenants regarding various complaints with the Code Enforcement officers since 2019. She states that Rushmore Management, the owners of 749 Scotland Road, are not responsive to tenant complaints. Council President Coley

asked for the Business Administrator Hartwyk to meet with Ms. Parks and apologized to her and the tenants in attendance. Council Vice President mentioned the importance of the activation of the Rent Leveling Board to assist in these types of matters.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

• May 4, 2021 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

May 18, 2021 Conference & Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

### **REPORTS:**

#### DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION:

• Historic Preservation Commission – June 2021: \$285.00

### **CONSTABLE REPORTS:**

Richard Noizy – Month of June 2021 – June 5th, 13th & 27th 2021 Volunteer

### **OPRA REPORTS:**

Month of June 2021: 135 OPRA requests received, 121 completed and 14 pending.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS -**

Finance Committee – Council Vice President Eason stated that there were no changes or recommendations for this agenda from the Committee.

# Fire Department - Chief Long reported on the following:

- His recent promotion to Fire Chief and the new two Deputy Chiefs
- Fire Department audit to evaluate personnel and analyze skills; possible departmental changes based on knowledge and skills

### Police Department - Chief Vitiello reported on the following:

- Success of the National Night Out event on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021
- Purchase of Narcan for special operations usage, in connection with Operation Helping Hands.
- Gun Buy-Back Events scheduled for Saturday, August 7th 2021 from 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. in Atlantic City, Newark, East Orange and Paterson
- Vice President Eason asked for a report on the Re-Entry program

### Public Works Department - Director Marty Mayes reported on the following:

- Confirmed that wrought-iron items can be picked up as Bulk on the assigned days; as long as it is not construction items, it will be picked up.

Council President directs Clerk to file reports.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

Pursuant to Section 4-10 of the code of the City of Orange Township, each person addressing the Council shall step up to the microphone, shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes.

The public is expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner, any derogatory, abusive or threatening statements will not be permitted. The Chair will immediately rule such conduct out of order and terminate any further comments.

- 1. James Ward 743 Haxtun Avenue
  - In-person Council meetings should be suspended due to the COVID pandemic
  - Tax rate increase is an indication of poor bookkeeping.
  - Federal investigation into the vacant homes not being properly secured, City not holding the owners responsible (i.e., the abandoned property on Elmwynd Drive)
  - Average police response is about 6 minutes, an opportunity to retrain/hire new 911 operators
  - Broken parking meters are missed revenue for the City
  - Wants to know the police-to-citizen ratio
- 2. Charles Pryor 259 Stirling Avenue
  - In favor of Ord. 14-2021 and voted in favor of NJ Public Question 1 (Marijuana Legalization Amendment) in the November election.
  - Revenue from marijuana can be used for youth programs
- 3. Rasheed McClary 680 Mosswood Avenue
  - Phone numbers on City website are out of service
  - Wants to know how City is trying to curtail tax increases

Note: Comments that were emailed by Jeffrey Feld have been posted on the Council's website under the August 4, 2021 Council Meeting's Citizen Comments. They were not read by the City Clerk.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilwoman Summers-Johnson. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Vice President Eason commented on the following:

- Asked Police Chief to explain varying police response times
  - Chief Vitiello confirmed police-to-citizen ratio is 1:236
- Asked if the Highland Avenue station project was cohesive with the Central Valley Development plan
  - o BA Hartwyk confirmed that it is not apart of the Central Valley area, but is part of the Scotland Road plan
- Asking for list of Library Board members. BA Hartwyk will send information to the Clerk's Office
- Requesting that Police check streets with permit parking more frequently

### Councilman Ross commented on the following:

- Received several complaints about the garbage noting being picked up on a timely basis, especially for residents on Lincoln Avenue between Central Avenue and Heywood Avenue
  - o BA Hartwyk confirmed that a new garbage plan will be presented at the 1st meeting in September.
- Highland Avenue Train Station grant has been awarded but no work has been done
  - o BA Hartwyk confirmed that although the lease has been signed, it is contingent on the Department of Transportation's review. Director Mayes plans to go out to bid for the train station by the end of the year.
- Orange Public Library is still closed with no expectation of reopening given to the public
  - o BA Hartwyk has been in contact with the Library to obtain a plan of reopening

- Tax Revaluation letters sent to residents, but the last revaluation was seven years ago, normally they are done every ten years
  - o BA Hartwyk explained that the Board of Taxation ordered the City to perform a revaluation
  - Successful annual Senior Picnic event on August 4th

### Councilwoman Wooten commented on the following:

- Special registry for homebound residents in need
  - o BA Hartwyk will coordinate with Clerk's Office to provide
- Traffic study is needed, especially concerning parking concerns
- Poor communications of when changes to streets happen
  - o Director Mayes and BA Hartwyk explained criteria for traffic studies vs. traffic analyses. BA Hartwyk explained ordinance for street digging, where PSE&G is exempt

# Councilman Johnson, Jr. commented on the following:

- Asked Administration for parking plan including collections and Fire assistance until Parking Authority is put in place

### Councilman Montague, III commented on the following:

- Asked for update on case study on fire house from Administration and poor conditions at current fire house
- Garage at Park Avenue and Center Street causing rodent issues
- Asked Police to monitor Colgate Park with notice to increased drug activities

### Councilwoman Summers-Johnson commented on the following:

- Successful Neighborhood Watch event on August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021
- Planning to meet with different streets in South Ward to create Block Associations
- Recreation Focus Group meeting on Wednesday, August 18th from 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
- Recycling bins, leaf bag and food boxes will be given out to residents at Metcalf Park on Tuesday, August 17th from 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
- Resident high school students can contact her for community service hours opportunities
- Complaints from residents within the Historic Preservation areas about not having Historic signs in the area and not receiving any grant funds for home repairs
- Reminded public that Councilmembers cannot discuss open federal investigations, even at the sake of being transparent (re: an abandoned home on Elmwynd Drive)

# Council President Coley commented on the following:

- Asked Administration and Public Works about snow removal plan, especially with environmental concerns of dumping snow
  - o BA Hartwyk confirmed Administration is looking into snow melting equipment

### ORDINANCES-SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 210, "Development Regulations", to prohibit any class of cannabis businesses within its geographical boundaries. (Sponsored by Councilmembers Eason, Coley, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III and Ross) (Tabled at the 04/20/2021 Council Meeting) (Amended to update sponsors)

# Motion to lift from the table by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council President Coley Roll Call:

Ayes: Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, and Council President Colev

Nays:

Wooten

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None.

Motion passed.

Motion to close citizen comments by Johnson, Jr., second by Montague, III

Motion to adopt on final by Johnson, Jr., second by Ross

Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason.

### Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, and Council President Coley

Nays:

Summers-Johnson and Wooten

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None.

Motion passed.

24-2021

An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 4 entitled "Administration of Government", Article II entitled "City Council", Section 15 entitled

"City Clerk". (Sponsored by Councilmember Coley)

(Postponed at the 06/1/2021, 06/15/2021 and 07/07/2021 Council Meetings)

Motion to postpone by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason.

### Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

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Navs:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent: None.

Ordinance posted until the September 7, 2021 Council Meeting.

34-2021

An ordinance of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township amending the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan to include Block 4009, Lot 1, currently owned by New Jersey Transit Corporation, in District 4. (Postponed at the 07/07/2021 Council Meeting)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None None

Absent:

Motion passed.

36-2021

An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" section 200-32 No Parking. (Bradford Street)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays: Abstain: None None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

37-2021

An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" section 200-33 No Parking Certain Hours. (Bradford Street)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Navs:

None

Abstain:

None None

Absent: Motion passed.

38-2021

An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" section 200-38 One Way Street. (Bradford Street)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

39-2021

An ordinance to amend the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" section 200-40, Schedule IX: Stop Intersections. (Bradford Street)

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None None

Abstain: Absent:

None

Motion passed.

40-2021

An ordinance amending and supplementing the code of the City of Orange Township, Chapter 166 titled "Rent Control" to reform the system for the registration of rental units, the licensing of such units, and to impose sanctions on landlords who permit repeated violations of law by their tenants.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizen that wish to make comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt on Second Reading by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None None

Absent: **Motion passed.** 

# **ORDINANCES-INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING**

41-2021

An ordinance to amend Chapter 180 of the City of Orange Township Municipal Code entitled "Smoking on Public Property; Tobacco Retail Establishments". (Sponsored by Council Member Eason)

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

42-2021

An ordinance amending Chapter 88, "Fees", Article I, "Fees Derived from Code Provisions", Section 88-1, "Schedule of Fees" for fire protection standpipe connections as initially established by Ordinance No. 4-2004.

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays: Abstain: None None

Absent: None

Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

43-2021

An ordinance amending Chapter 88, "Fees", Article I, "Fees Derived from Code Provisions", Section 88-1, "Schedule of Fees" setting rates and fees for the use of the water/sewer system as initially established by Ordinance No. 58-2013 and as amended by Ordinance No. 58-2013 and as amended by 29-2017. (Amended)

Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays: Abstain: None None

Absent:

None

Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (\*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA.

The City Clerk announced that Resolutions 362-2021, 363-2021, 367-2021 and 373-2021 are being removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote.

### RESOLUTIONS NO. \*346-2021 THROUGH \*378-2021

*346-2021	A resolution appointing Council Member Tency A. Eason as the liaison to the Second River
	Joint Meeting on behalf of the City of Orange Township.

- \*347-2021 A resolution appointing Council Member Harold J. Johnson, Jr. as member of the Policy and Planning Committee of the City of Orange Township.
- \*348-2021 A resolution re-appointing Murphy Wilson as a citizen member of the Policy and Planning Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Member Ross)
- \*349-2021 A resolution honoring Lorraine E. Hawthorne. (Sponsored by Council Member Summers-Johnson)
- \*350-2021 A resolution authorizing the purchase of hardware materials and supplies for the Department of Public Works through the Morris County Co-Operative Pricing Council Contract #10 from Continental Hardware, Inc., 400 Delancy Street, Newark, New Jersey

07105 commencing July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00.

- \*351-2021 A resolution recognizing August 26, 2021, as Women's Equality Day throughout the City of Orange Township to celebrate the suffrage movement and the work to secure and expand equal rights for women today. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*352-2021 A resolution celebrating the life of Lucy Stone, public speaker, suffragist and abolitionist who resided in the City of Orange Township for her participation in the Women's Suffragist Movement. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council)
- \*353-2021 A resolution recognizing the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Essex for the significant role it has played as an anchor institution in the City of Orange Township and support of an application for state and national recognition. (Sponsored by Council Member Wooten and the Orange Municipal Council) (Amended)
- \*354-2021 A resolution to honor and celebrate the 150th anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church of the City of Orange Township. (Sponsored by Council Members Wooten and Montague, III)
- \*355-2021 A resolution approving the bill list for council meeting vote on August 4, 2021 dated July 28, 2021 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$9,234,404.25)
- \*356-2021 A resolution authorizing a refund in the amount of \$200.00 to Cynthia Jordan for a duplicate payment received by the City of Orange Township for a Certificate of Continued Occupancy relating to property located at 269 Reynolds Terrace, Orange, New Jersey.
- \*357-2021 A resolution authorizing the Tax Collector to refund Trystone Capital Assets, LLC for subsequent water payment made on Block 902, Lot 20 also known as 226 Washington Street in the amount of \$596.02.
- \*358-2021 A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent Orange Police Officers, Detective Nicholas Reda, Police Officer Edward Hall, Police Officer Kevin Demasi, Police Officer Keenan Rogers and Lieutenant Hector Rosado in the matter, "Louis D. Dessources v. City of Orange Township, et al." Docket No. 2:20-CV-19886-SDW-ESK in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- \*359-2021 A resolution authorizing the services of Antonelli Kantor, P.C., to represent Councilman Kerry J. Coley, Councilwoman Tency A. Eason, Councilman Harold Johnson, Jr., Councilman Weldon M. Montague, III, Councilwoman Jamie Summer-Johnson, Councilman Clifford Ross and Councilwoman Adrienne Wooten in the matter, "Louis D. Dessources v. City of Orange Township, et al" Docket No. 2:20-CV-19886-SDW-ESK in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- \*360-2021 A resolution authorizing the services of Michael A. Armstrong & Associates, LLC, to represent the City of Orange Township Police Sergeant Denise Banks in the matter, "Louis D. Dessources v. City of Orange Township, et al." Docket No. 2:20-CV-19886-SDW-ESK in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.

- \*361-2021 A resolution amending resolution no. 184-2020 to authorize additional attorney fees for David C. Stanziale, LLC, as special counsel in Calendar Year 2021 with regard to Louis D. Dessources v. Dennis Manning, et al." Docket No. 2:18-CV-09324-SD-LDW, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- \*364-2021 A resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Orange Township and Municipal Inspection Corporation, 183 West 4th Street, Bayonne, New Jersey, 07002, to provide elevator subcode inspection and plan review services for a 2-year period commencing July 1, 2021, with a 1-year renewal option.
- \*365-2021 A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2021 Ford E-450 16 passenger mini bus with two (2) wheelchairs for the Department of Community Services under the HCESC Co-Op Contract 20/21-33; to H.A. Dehart & Son, Inc., 311 Crown Point Road, Thorofare, New Jersey 08086 in the amount not to exceed \$74,287.00.
- \*366-2021 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, designating 164 Main LLC as redeveloper for property designated as Block 2903, lot 1 on the City's official tax maps.
- \*368-2021 A resolution authorizing the services of the Antoine Law Firm, LLC, to represent City of Orange Township in the matter, "Brian Trovato v. City of Orange Township" Docket No. ESX-L-3563-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Calendar Year 2021.
- \*369-2021 A resolution authorizing the award of a contract to Occupational Health Centers of New Jersey, P.A. d/b/a Concentra Medical Centers, 375 McCarter Highway, Newark, New Jersey 07114-2562 to administer and provide employment medical examinations for the period of August 4, 2021 to December 31, 2021, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.
- \*370-2021 A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the 2020 NJDOT roadway improvements to Cifelli & Son General Contracting, Inc., 81 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount not to exceed \$521,308.89.
- \*371-2021 A resolution appointing Council Member Tency A. Eason as member of the Planning Board of the City of Orange Township.
- \*372-2021 A resolution to accept funds from the New Jersey Department of Health Office of Local Public Health (OLPH) for the 2022 Strengthening Local Health Department Capacity Program Grant.
- \*374-2021 A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township approving an agreement with the Essex County Regional Health Commission to assist the City with mandatory SLPHC grant and vulnerable populations outreach activities in an amount not to exceed \$112,000.00.
- \*375-2021 A resolution authorizing the Orange Chamber of Commerce, Division of Merchants to conduct sidewalk sale along Main Street to coincide with the tri-community health & job fair to be held on the City Hall side parking lot in the City of Orange Township, New Jersey on August 21, 2021 (Rain Date: August 28, 2021)
- \*376-2021 A resolution of the City of Orange Township, Essex County, New Jersey, referring an amendment to the Central Valley Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for review

and comment pursuant to the local redevelopment and housing law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.

\*377-2021 A resolution appointing Council Members Tency A. Eason, Weldon M. Montague, III and Clifford R. Ross to the Budget and Finance Committee of the City of Orange Township.

\*378-2021 A resolution appointing Council Members Harold J. Johnson, Jr., and Adrienne Wooten as members of the Human Resources and Personnel Committee of the City of Orange Township. (Amended)

# Motion to adopt Consent Agenda by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

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Navs: Abstain: None

None Absent:

None Motion passed.

The City Clerk announced that the following resolutions were removed from the Consent Agenda for a separate vote:

\*362-2021 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to apply for Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant funding for 321 Scotland Road, City of Orange, Essex County, New Jersey 07050.

# Motion to Return to Administration by Council Vice President Eason, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent: None

Motion passed.

\*363-2021 A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township to apply for Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF) grant funding for 507 Mitchell Street, City of Orange, Essex County, New Jersey 07050.

# Motion to Return to Administration by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

\*367-2021

A resolution retaining Klingeman Cerimele, attorneys as special counsel to represent a City of Orange Township employee in connection with matters pertaining to governmental inquiries and investigations regarding the City of Orange Township and its employees in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Montague, III, Ross and Wooten

Nays:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Summers-Johnson and Council President Coley

Abstain: Absent:

None None

Motion failed.

\*373-2021

A resolution authorizing approval to amend the CY 2021 municipal budget by inserting items of revenue and appropriations totaling \$291,042.00 in additional grant funding.

Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Ross.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None None

Abstain: Absent:

None

Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

The City Clerk announced that the following Ordinance 44-2021(WO) and Resolutions 379-2021(WO) and 380-2021(WO) are being considered to be walked on the agenda:

44-2021(WO)

A capital ordinance appropriating \$28,100 from the capital improvement fund to pay for equipment for the Department of Public Works of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

379-2021(WO)

A resolution reappropriating \$495,000 in excess bond proceeds from bond ordinance number 52-2019 finally adopted November 18, 2019 to provide for the purchase of body worn cameras for use by the Police Department of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

380-2021(WO)

A resolution supporting an application to, and acceptance of, award from the NJDCA Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).

Motion to walk-on Ordinance 44-2021(WO) and Resolutions 379-2021(WO) and 380-2021(WO) onto the agenda by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Council Vice President Eason.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Council President Coley None

Nays: Abstain:

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Absent:

None Wooten

Motion passed.

The City Clerk inquired if there were any citizens who wished to make a comment. There were no citizen comments.

Motion to close citizen comments by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

44-2021(WO)

A capital ordinance appropriating \$28,100 from the capital improvement fund to pay for equipment for the Department of Public Works of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

# Motion to adopt on First Reading by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III. Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson and Council President Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

Wooten

Absent:

None

Motion passed. Final Reading is scheduled for September 7, 2021.

379-2021(WO)

A resolution reappropriating \$495,000 in excess bond proceeds from bond ordinance number 52-2019 finally adopted November 18, 2019 to provide for the purchase of body worn cameras for use by the Police Department of the City of Orange Township, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

# Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

### Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

Coley

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

380-2021(WO)

A resolution supporting an application to, and acceptance of, award from the NJDCA Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP).

# Motion to adopt by Councilman Johnson, Jr., second by Councilman Montague, III.

### Roll Call:

Ayes:

Eason, Johnson, Jr., Montague, III, Ross, Summers-Johnson, Wooten and Council President

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None

Abstain:

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None

Absent:

None

Motion passed.

### OTHER PENDING BUSINESS None.

The City Clerk announced that the next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at City Hall, 29 North Day Street in the Council Chamber at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Montague, III, second by Councilman Johnson, Jr.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Approved:

Joyce L. Lanier City Clerk

Kerry J. Coley Council President